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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTO 3083

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

7?3:5: NAMIBIA: CAUTIONING NUJOMA ON PREMATURE PUBLIC STATE-
MENTS

REF: SECTO 3082 ON JAJPAYEE

1. PLEASE COMMUNICATE URGENTLY THE FOLLOWING ORAL
MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR MCHENRY TO SWAPO PRESIDENT
SAM NUJOMA WHO, HOPE, IS STILL IN NEW DELHI AS
OFFICIAL GUEST OF INDIAN GOVERNMENT:

A. QUOTE AS YOU KNOW I AM IN LAGOS WITH PRESIDENT
CARTER ON HIS VISIT TO NIGERIA. WE HAVE HAD SOME
USEFUL DISCUSSIONS ON NAMIBIA WITH NIGERIAN OFFICIALS
AND WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FRONT LINE STATES.
I HOPE THAT YOU AND I CAN GET TOGETHER SOON FOR
SIMILAR DISCUSSIONS.

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B. I HOPE ALSO THAT OUR RELATIONS ARE SUCH
THAT I CAN SPEAK AS FRANKLY WITH YOU THROUGH THIS
MESSAGE AS YOU AND I SPEAK FRANKLY WHEN WE HAVE MET
TOGETHER.

C. I AM CONCERNED THAT WHILE YOUR LETTER TO
THE FIVE AMBASSADORS IN LUSAKA WISELY INDICATED THAT SWAPO

WOULD CAREFULLY STUDY OUR PROPOSALS BEFORE
COMMUNICATING YOUR VIEWS, THE NEWS REPORTS ON YOUR
STATEMENT ON DEPARTING LUSAKA AND REPORTS OF
ADDITIONAL REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO YOU IN NEW DELHI GIVE THE
IMPRESSION OF A PREMATURE AND NEGATIVE RESPONSE.

D. I HOPE YOU WILL AGREE WITH ME THAT SWAPO
COMMENTS ON THE CONTACT GROUP PROPOSAL MIGHT BEST BE
LEFT UNTIL AFTER YOU AND YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HAVE HAD TIME TO FULLY STUDY THE PROPOSALS AND OTHER
ASPECTS OF OUR PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSALS TO YOU
AND UNTIL AFTER YOU HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO
COMMUNICATE FURTHER WITH US PRIVATELY. WE HAVE COME
TO EXPECT THIS APPROACH FROM SWAPO IN THE PAST AND
HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS APPROACH
ESPECIALLY AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE.

E. I MUST FRANKLY STATE THAT, AS SMITH USED
THE INITIAL NEGATIVE STATEMENTS OF THE PATRIOTIC
FRONT, SOUTH AFRICA IS LIKELY TO USE YOUR STATEMENTS
AS AN EXCUSE TO JUSTIFY THEIR RESPONSE. SWAPO'S
INTEREST WILL NOT BE SERVED THEREBY AND THOSE,
INCLUDING MYSELF, WHO HAVE NAMIBIA'S BEST INTEREST
IN MIND WILL BE DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED. END QUOTE.

2. SEPTTEL CONTAINS MESSAGE WHICH SECRETARY VANCE
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WOULD LIKE AMBASSADOR GOHEEN TO DELIVER TO FOREIGN MINISTER
VAJPAYEE. VANCE

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